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Amendments to the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the subject matters in a future application and add the following new claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

- 13. (New) A flexible flooring system comprising a plurality of planks, each plank comprising:
- (a) a first top layer including a first plurality of strips that are secured together, each of the first plurality of the strips having a grain extending generally in a longitudinal direction of the plank; and
- (b) a second bottom layer including a second plurality of strips, each strip having a grain extending generally transversely to the longitudinal direction of the plank,

wherein the second plurality of strips are spaced from one another by gaps having appropriate gap width.

- 14. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, wherein the second bottom layer comprises at least one tongue on one side configured to mate with at least one groove on one side of another or adjacent plank; and wherein the second bottom layer comprises at least one groove at the other side configured to receive at least one tongue of one side of another or adjacent plank.
- 15. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 14, wherein the tongue or groove extends along the length of the side of the plank.

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- 16. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, wherein the strips are bamboo or wood.
- 17. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, wherein the second plurality of strips are spaced from one another by gaps having approximately equal gap width.
- 18. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, wherein the second plurality of strips are spaced from one another by gaps having 1mm gap width.
- 19. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, wherein the second plurality of strips are spaced from one another by gaps having unequal gap width.
- 20. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, wherein the second plurality of strips is rough cut.
- 21. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 14, wherein the tongue or groove are machined on the second bottom layer.
- 22. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, wherein the plurality of strips of the first layer are not perpendicular to the strips of the second layer.
- 23. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 13, further comprising at least one coat of acrylic urethane, aluminum oxide color or other suitable finishes disposed on multiple surfaces thereof.
- 24. (New) A flexible flooring system comprising a plurality of planks, each plank comprising:

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- (a) a first top layer including a first plurality of strips that are secured together, each of the first plurality of the strips having a grain extending generally in a longitudinal direction of the plank; and
- (b) a second bottom layer including a second plurality of strips, each strip having a grain extending generally transversely to the longitudinal direction of the plank, wherein the second plurality of strips are spaced from one another by gaps having appropriate gap width;

wherein the second bottom layer comprises at least one tongue on one side configured to mate with at least one groove on one side of another or adjacent plank; and wherein the second bottom layer comprises at least one groove at the other side configured to receive at least one tongue of one side of another or adjacent plank.

- 25. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 24, wherein the tongue or groove extends along the length of the side of the plank.
- 26. (New) The flexible flooring system of claim 24, wherein the tongue or groove are machined on the second bottom layer.